

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K31/663 A61P9/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, EMBASE, BIOSIS, CHEM ABS Data, PASCAL

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	YLITALO RITVA ET AL: "Suppression of immunoreactive macrophages in atherosomatous lesions of rabbits by clodronate" PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY, vol. 90, no. 3, March 2002 (2002-03), pages 139-143, XP002268659 ISSN: 0901-9928 the whole document	1-8, 16
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X	JAGDEV S P ET AL: "THE BISPHOSPHONATE, ZOLEDRONIC ACID, INDUCES APOPTOSIS OF BREAST CANCER CELLS: EVIDENCE FOR SYNERGY WITH PACLITAXEL" BRITISH JOURNAL OF CANCER, LONDON, GB, vol. 8, no. 84, 2001, pages 1126-1134, XP008001603 ISSN: 0007-0920 the whole document	7, 16-18
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	BURNETT ET AL.: "cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis: is there a link between lipids and bone" ANNALS OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY, vol. 39, April 2002 (2002-04), pages 203-210, XP009024827 the whole document -----	1-8, 16
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1,5-11, 15-18 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple Inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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